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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN PROPAGANDA

REF: CAIRO 8920

1. ON JULY 30 ROK CONSUL GENERAL CHANG BROUGHT DCM COPY OF LATEST PROPAGANDA BLAST BY NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR HANDED TO GUESTS INVITED TO NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY RECEPTION AND "FIVE FESTIVAL" EVENING OF JULY 28. HANDOUT IS IN FORM OF FIVE-PAGE LETTER TYPED IN ENGLISH AND ADDRESSED "DEAR FRIENDS" BUT UNSIGNED. LETTER IS VICIOUS ATTACK ON "US IMPERIALISTS" AND "PUPPET REGIME", AMONG OTHER THINGS IT CHARGES THAT IN MAY MEETING IN HONOLULU US "INSTIGATED PUPPET CLIQUE TO THE MACHINATIONS OF A NEW WAR", AND THAT US HAS CAUSED EPIDEMIC OF HEMORRHAGIC FEVER IN SOUTH KOREA WHILE SUBJECTING SOUTH KOREANS TO BACTERIOLOGICAL WARFARE EXPERIMENTS. LETTER URGES THAT US SHOULD GIVE UP ITS "TWO KOREA PLOT", ACCEPT DPRK PROPOSAL FOR REPLACING ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WITH PEACE AGREEMENT, AND DISSOLVE UN COMMAND.

2. CHANG SAID THAT ABOUT 70 PERSONS INCLUDING 2 EGYPTIAN GENERALS, AS WELL AS THE AMBASSADORS OF MONGOLIA, VIETNAM AND ONE EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY ATTENDED RECEPTION AND FILM FESTIVAL.

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HIS INFORMATION IS THAT NEITHER SOVIET NOR CHINESE AMBASSADORS

WERE PRESENT.

3. CHANG SAID SHORTLY BEFORE FILM SHOW STARTED FIVE OR SIX ROCKS WERE THROWN INTO GARDEN OF DPRK EMBASSY WHERE RECEPTION HELD AND SOVIET MILIATT, WHO WAS PRESENT, WAS REPORTEDLY HIT ON ARM. UGANDAN EMBASSY OFFICER WAS HIT IN THE HEAD. ROCKS WERE APPARENTLY THROWN BY UNKNOWN PERSONS FROM AREA OF BUILDING AT SIDE OF GARDEN. CHANG SAID "HIS PEOPLE" HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH INCIDENT, WHICH HE REGARDED AS EVIDENCE OF ANTI-COMMUNIST SPIRIT OF EGYPTIANS.

4. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR HAS APPOINTMENT WITH FONMIN FAHMY IN ALEXANDRIA FOR MONDAY AUGUST 2 TO DELIVER SECRETARY'S MESSAGE ON KOREA AND PUERTO RICO, AND HE PLANS TO RAISE THIS LATEST DPRK EMBASSY OUTRAGE AS WELL AS EARLIER PRESS CONFERENCE (REFTEL) AT THAT TIME. BOTH OF THESE EVENTS CAN BE CITED AS EFFECTIVENESS EVIDENCE OF NORTH KOREAN INTRANSIGENCY AND UNWILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH. AMB ALSO INTENDS POINT OUT THAT SUCH ATTACKS ARE CONTRARY TO CODE OF CONDUCT WHICH WE UNDERSTAND GOE EXPECTS FOREIGN MISSIONS TO OBSERVE. GOE HAD IN PAST RAPPED NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY'S KNUCKLES FOR SUCH ACTIONS.

5. WE HAVE SEEN NO REFERENCES TO NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT OR TO "FILM FESTIVAL" IN LOCAL PRESS.

6. WE WILL POUCH COPY OF LETTER TO EA/K.
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